



Moja Makes Case For Quality Higher Education

Measures aimed at mobilizing African universities to play central roles in producing competitive knowledge for continental development through well-articulated sustainable approaches, rather than serving merely as degree-awarding institutions formed the main thrust of the first International Conference/Workshop on Higher Education for Development organized by the Centre for Higher Education Studies (CHES), Faculty of Education, University of Port Harcourt, reports *Onikar Samuel*.

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UniPort, Sierra Leonean Varsity To Partner On Engineering, Geosciences Training

By Obinna Nwodin

University of Port Harcourt and the University of Sierra Leone have commenced plans to partner in Petroleum Engineering and Geosciences. This was the outcome of a visit by a Team

from Fourah Bay College, University of Sierra Leone, to the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajiienka, in his office, penultimate Thursday.

Speaking to *UniPort Weekly*, Leader of the Team and Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sahr Ghamanja, said that they

were in the University to seek collaboration in Petroleum Engineering and Geosciences, which would involve capacity building, training of students and lecturers, exchange programmes, amongst others.

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Nduka Tasks FG On ASUU Crisis, Educational Dev

Pioneer Dean, Faculty of Education and Chairman, Rivers State Education Quality Assurance Agency, Emeritus Professor Otoni Nduka has called on the Federal Government to honour its agreement with the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) in order to end the ongoing strike which has crippled academic activities in Nigerian universities. Professor Nduka in a chat with *UniPort Weekly* penultimate Wednesday stressed the need for Government to place more priority on higher education in the country, describing it as the roadmap to the nation's development. "If education is taken seriously in this country, ugly incidences like strike will not occur", he said, decriing the neglect of Science and Technology education in the country over the years. The former President of Nigeria Academy of

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Education (NAE), who regretted that the Federal Government was spending little on education as against the UNESCO recommendation for education funding, warned government against spending on frivolities at the expense of education. "Government must work towards raising the level of education in the country by investing more", he said. Commending recent developments in Nigerian educational system, especially inclusion of entrepreneurial studies in the curriculum of tertiary institutions, Professor Nduka noted that the country still had a long way to go if it wants to be counted among the top 20 industrialised nations of the world. "Education is the engine for growth of any society and so Nigeria must take education very seriously", he emphasized.



*Emeritus
Prof Nduka*

Treccafrica Announces Scholarship For Graduate Students

By Orikor Samuel

Opportunities are now available for interested applicants to study Natural Resource Management, Public Health, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development at stipulated universities within and outside the country. Director, Centre for Research Management (CREM), Professor Oyenunchi Akaranta, who disclosed this in a Release made available to *UniPort Weekly* last Friday, further revealed that

the programme, which is for one or two Semesters, also included exchange scholarship. Professor Akaranta, who noted that the exchange scholarship covers a return flight ticket and an allowance of £600 per month for Masters Students and £900 for Doctoral Candidates, added that Universities of Ghana, Nairobi, Nigeria, Dar es Salaam and Makerere University and Stellenbosch University are the partner universities. Interested applicants are advised to apply latest 30th September, 2013 through <http://www.treccfrica.com>.

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NIM ANNUAL CONFERENCE

This year's annual Conference of the Nigerian Institute of Management (NIM) with the theme: "Essentials of Good Governance in the Progressive Transformation of Nigeria," holds at Sir Udo Udoma House, Uyo, Akwa Ibom State, from Sunday, 15th to Tuesday, 17th September, 2013. Governor Godswill Akpabio, Drs Pat Adams and Remi Teriba and Mr Eluen Izeze are expected to deliver lectures at the event. Contact: Ekanem Ekanem, Academic Officer, Senate Building, University Park.

STUDENT WORLD

Ihedioha Seeks Ways Of Managing Workplace Diversities

Chinyere Ihedioha, a Doctoral candidate in the Department of Sociology, Faculty of Social Sciences, is on a research to seek ways of managing religious, ethnic and other forms of diversities in organisations to prevent negative consequences on industrial harmony and productivity. Our Correspondent, HUMPHREY OGU, reports

Worried by industrial crises arising from diversities in corporate and public organisations, Chinyere Ihedioha, who earlier obtained a Bachelor's degree, Postgraduate Diploma and a Master's from the Department of Sociology has returned to her Alma Mater for a Doctor of Philosophy programme in Industrial Relations and Personnel Management, where she hopes to also proffer solutions to diversities-induced problems in workplaces. Ihedioha, whose thesis is entitled: "Organisational Diversity and Human Resources Management", noted that diversity in

organisations is a major source of mistrust, jealousy, envy and hatred, regretting that all the aforementioned attributes not only militate against teamwork, but also affects performance and productivity negatively.

"I have come to realise that there is so much discrimination in organisations based on religious, gender, ethnic, racial and colour differences. For instance, in most offices, women are not allowed to attain certain heights. This is common in Islamic societies. Similarly, some organisations discriminate against physically challenged persons, without considering their intellectual abilities and skills," she observed.

Ihedioha regretted that Nigerians and other nationals do mental jobs abroad, due to racial discrimination, despite possessing the requisite qualifications for better jobs, adding that employing staff based on state of origin, ethnicity, colour or gender does not do any organisation any good as some of those discriminated against have skills and experiences that could boost productivity.

"Organisations should hire staff based on qualifications, not ethnicity, race or religion. If you employ qualified staff, your organisation will be better for it; there will be improved productivity, efficiency and achievement

of better results on any given task," she pointed out, stressing that any institution that is desirous of having an efficient workforce and enhanced productivity needs to do away with all kinds of discriminations arising from diversity.

According to her, such diversity could be exploited by employers, because people from diverse backgrounds could be assets as they often possess innovative ideas and experiences which could be beneficial to their employers.

Revealing that about 80 per cent of students on graduate programmes across the nation are unemployed graduates, who resorted to further studies to avoid being idle, Ihedioha stressed the need for government, public-spirited individuals and organisations to encourage research through provision of grants and scholarship. She commended the College of Graduate Studies for its scholarship scheme, appealing for more support for indigent students.



Ihedioha

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Presenting a Keynote Address at the opening ceremony of the two-day event held penultimate Thursday at Lemaco Halls and Garden, Port Harcourt, Professor of Higher Education Programmes in New York University, United States of America, Teboho Moja, who spoke on the theme: "Re-Conceptualizing Higher Education and Development in Africa," advocated the expansion of graduate programmes to train more candidates at the Doctoral degree level to ensure systematic transfer of knowledge to the next generation of academics.

Professor Moja, who stressed the need for increased higher degree education to enhance knowledge production and transfer, called for sustainable knowledge economy by way of prioritizing graduate research and publications and making them relevant and available to industry players. She also called for an improved relationship between the academia and society to ensure relevance of research products to end-users.

Citing Mr Musa Sirma (Chairperson, East African Consortium Council of Ministers), the Keynote Speaker said that: "The difference between the world's upcoming economies and the stable economies lies in how much research goes into economic development and how much of the new knowledge is utilized," urging governments at all levels to reaffirm their commitment to the transformation of the education sector through sustainable measures.

In his remarks, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka, who described

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the Faculty of Education as one of the most vibrant Faculties in the University, congratulated the Centre for Higher Education Studies for attracting high profile educationists for the maiden International Conference, stating that the Conference was in line with the policy of his administration to drive a research-based Institution.

"I am happy that this Conference attracted experts from various parts of the world to proffer solutions to problems of the educational sector. We are also experiencing harvest of publications. We must utilize the good advantage of the Faculty by making our research products beneficial to the society in the knowledge economy," Professor Ajienka said, charging the Faculty to ensure that it delivers quality of education to its clientele.

Earlier in her address, Acting Director of the Centre, Dr Chinezee Uche, stated that the Conference aimed at examining the responses of

higher education to the effects of

globalization in Africa and creates a platform to discuss and address those challenges, listing Knowledge production, policies and practices; Expansion, access and success in higher education, capacity development; Quality assurance for quality higher education, ICT impact on higher education systems; Internationalization of higher education and Governance issues in higher education as some of the issues tackled at the Conference.

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Development), Professor Bene Willie Abbey, Dean of the Faculty, Professor Ebi Bio Awotua-Efebo and Provost, College of Graduate Studies, Professor Roseline Konya, amongst other guests presented goodwill messages.

Highlights of the two-day event featured Journal and Book presentation by the Centre.



V-C, Prof. Ajienka (7th left in front row), flanked by Keynote Speaker, Prof. Moja, Dean, Faculty of Education, Prof. Awotua-Efebo (left), DY-C (R&D), Prof. Willie Abbey, Provost, CGS, Prof. Konya and other participants

AAU Announces Vacancy For ACE Project

By Ethel Timi-Johnson

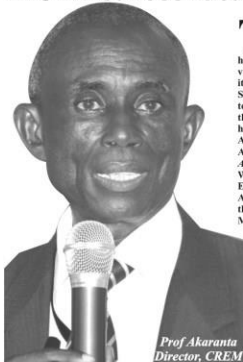
The Association of African Universities (AAU), an international non-governmental organization with headquarters in Accra, Ghana, has announced vacancy for the post of a Coordinator to oversee its African Centres of Excellence (ACE) Project. Set up in November 1967 by universities in Africa to promote co-operation among themselves and the international academic community, the AAU has been designated the principal implementing Agency for the higher education component of the African Union's "2nd Decade for Education for Africa" and also as a facilitator institution for the World Bank Project of African Centres of Excellence.

A letter made available to *UniPort Weekly* from the Office of the Director, Centre for Research Management (CREM) indicates that the Coordinator of the ACE as a member of the AAU senior management team would report to the Secretary-General and be responsible for the management and coordination of the Project on Regional African Centres of Excellence, which is supported by the World Bank with the AAU as the Regional Facilitation Unit.

"Aimed at promoting regional specialization among participating universities within areas that address, particularly common regional

development challenges, the ACE project, also seeks to strengthen the capacities of these universities to deliver high quality training and applied research", the Letter read in part, stating that the project would meet the demand for skills required for Africa's development such as the extractive industries and agriculture productivity. "It would also contribute to the strengthening of the best African universities within Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), Agricultural Sciences and Health Sciences.

According to the letter, interested applicants should possess at least a Masters' Degree or equivalent academic qualification; preferably PhD, speak English and French fluently with at least 5 years experience working in Africa, outside home country; successful completion of project management fund by international donor. "As an equal opportunity employer, the AAU strongly encourages women and non-Anglophone candidates to apply", the letter stated, adding that applications comprising a statement of interest and fitness for the position, an indication of the date of availability to assume duty, a detailed Curriculum Vitae describing applicant's professional experience and qualification for the position and three reference letters, one of which should be outside the candidate's home country, should be sent to the Secretary-General, Association of African Universities, African Universities House, Aviation Road Extension, P.O. Box AN 5744, Accra-North, Ghana. Closing date is September 20th, 2013.



Prof. Akaranta
Director, CREM

In an effort aimed at consolidating the quality of service delivery at the UniPort Bottling Company which was originally known as Zina UniPort Bottling Company, the new Directorate has disclosed plans to rebrand its product in November. Under the new arrangement, the production plant has been retooled, while the product is to wear a new look capable of presenting a clearer identity of the University.

In a Release, Director, Consultancy, Research and Development Centre (CORDEC), Professor Henry Njoku, said: "the product will be branded UniPort Table Water in a new UniPort embossed bottle with a blue tint. There is a new bottle shape moulded for consumers' convenience," adding that the product would be available in sachets: 330ml, 500ml and 750ml sizes to suit the needs of individuals.

The Director also announced the registration of UniPort Foods and Feeds for the operations

of food and feeds processing activities of CORDEC which would become operational soon to provide quality nourishment to

CORDEC To Launch New UniPort Table Water November

By Otiok Samuel

members of the University Community.

While pledging continued innovations that would attest to the fact that the University places premium on research as one of its core mandates, Professor Njoku, who is also Director of UniPort Bottling Company, solicited the patronage of members of the University Community.

"We look forward to your participation in the relaunch of the product early week November, when our rebranding process would have been completed. We solicit your understanding during the transition stage of our rebranding and welcome feedbacks," the Director added.



Prof Njoku

Language Teacher Dev Critical To National Growth ~ Otagburuagu

By Humphrey Ogu

Ways of improving English Language teaching methodology in Nigerian academic institutions was the thrust

of the 7th National Conference and Workshop of the English Language Teachers' Association of Nigeria (ELTAN) held at the Olobo Premier College, Choba, last Tuesday.

Delivering a Keynote Address entitled: "Paradigm Shift in Nigerian Language

Teacher Development:

Agenda for Professional

Rebirth", Professor

Emeka Otagburuagu,

said that "Language

teacher development

is not only critical,

but critical to our

national development

goals. National Economic Empowerment and Development Strategy (NEEDS) and Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in our national development agenda stress the promotion of literacy and it is common knowledge that literacy programmes are language driven."

Otagburuagu, who is of the Department of English Studies, University of Nigeria, Nsukka, said that "Language teacher development must be understood as deliberate policy to train, recruit, empower and retain quality language teachers in the different tiers of a given educational system for efficient language teaching and learning based on perceived international best practices," recommending that language curricula planning at all levels should be left in the hands of experienced

applied linguists and professionally equipped language educators.

Welcoming guests to the event, which drew participants from various institutions of

learning across the

nation, the

Convener of

ELTAN and Dean,

Faculty of

Humanities,

Professor Ozo-

mekuri

Ndimiele,

commended the

delegates,

especially those

from

universities for

making it to

Port Harcourt,

in spite of the

ongoing strike

by the

Academic Staff

Union of Universities (ASUU), noting that many organisations postponed their conferences, due to the industrial action.

Declaring the Conference open, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajenka, who noted that "English Language is not only an important subject on the curriculum of all levels of education, but also the main medium of instruction in the nation's educational system," added that the yearning for improved teaching of the language is part of the goal to attain global benchmarks in education.

Represented by Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Development), Professor Bene Willie Abbey, the Vice-Chancellor bemoaned the performance of students at the 2012/2013 Senior School Certificate Examination conducted by the West African Examination Council, expressing delight at efforts being made by ELTAN to improve on English Language pedagogy.

"As academics, we should be challenged individually and collectively, to reflect on policy issues and their implementation strategies, including their underlying values that need to be tackled to save our educational sector from total collapse," the Vice-Chancellor added.

Earlier in his opening remarks, Chairman of the occasion and Head, Department of English, Professor Nkem Okoh, who also welcomed guests to the two-day Conference and Workshop, expressed hope that the Conference would provide an opportunity for experts to proffer solutions to the challenges facing the teaching of English Language in the country.

In her contribution, Professor Omolara Ogundepe of the Department of English Studies stressed to need for teachers to be abreast of developments in the English Language to enable them teach it effectively in line with modern usage.

Other highlights of the Conference was presentation of the Lead Paper entitled: "ELT Innovations and Sustainability in the Nigerian Classroom", by Dr Nelson Fasina of the Department of English, University of Ibadan, paper presentations by language scholars and Annual General Meeting.



Prof Otagburuagu

Ecolbank Nigeria PLC has disclosed plans to build a 250-sitting-capacity lecture theatre for the University.

This disclosure was made when a Team from the Bank led by Acting Executive Director, South-South/South-East, Mr Famous Ajemura, paid a courtesy visit on the Vice-Chancellor, in his office, penultimate Thursday.

Mr Ajemura, who disclosed this in line with the Bank's interest in partnering the University on infrastructural development, said "We felt we should meet with you to see what kind of social responsibility we could bring for mutual benefits".

Responding, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka, said that current realities indicated that there was need for increased partnership between the University and private organizations, particularly the Banks which consistently do business on Campus.

He advised them to show more interest in the infrastructural growth of the University. "You should see yourself as a stakeholder in the University and therefore show interest in its development", noting that there is no way that government can develop the universities alone and that is why private concerns which do business on Campus

Ecobank To Build Modern Lecture Theatre In UniPort

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have to be involved. According to him, the Banks are here to make profit and there is nothing wrong if a little of their profit is given back as their contribution to the development of the Institution, expressing hope that the partnership would be of mutual benefits to both the Bank and

University. He said that with such partnerships, there is no reason why the Institution should go begging for funds.

Also present at the meeting were: Mr Chinedu Ibe, Regional Head, South-South; Mrs Ochiuko Amah, Area Manager, Port Harcourt North and Mr Kenneth Ujadughele, UniPort Branch Manager.

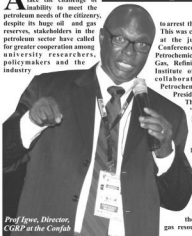


V-C, Prof. Ajienka (4th from right), flanked by Registrar, Mrs Nwodin, DV-C (Admin), Prof. Nduka, Bursar, Mr Vitalis Alzieze (3rd, 1st right and 1st left) and Senior Managers of ECObANK PLC

Stakeholders Proffer Remedies To Nigerian Petrochem Industry Challenges

...Seek Speedy Passage Of PIB

As Nigeria continues to face the challenge of inability to meet the petroleum needs of the citizenry, despite its huge oil and gas reserves, stakeholders in the petroleum sector have called for greater cooperation among university researchers, policymakers and the industry



Prof Igwe, Director, CGRP at the Confab

By Humphrey Ogu

to arrest the ugly situation.

This was contained in a Communiqué issued at the just-concluded 2nd International Conference on Petroleum Refining, and Petrochemicals organised by the Centre for Gas, Refining and Petrochemical (CGRP), Institute of Petroleum Studies (IPS), in collaboration with Indorama Eleme Petrochemicals Limited, held at Hotel Presidential, penultimate week.

The Communiqué, which stated that "there is an urgent need for the passage of the Petroleum Industry Bill (PIB) in order to realize the full potential of the Nigerian oil and gas industry," also charged government to deal with the issue of pipeline vandalism, pointing out that without that the new investments in the industry cannot thrive.

"Development in this sector will not only diversify and transform the Nigerian economy, it will provide an alternative market for the country's crude oil and natural gas resources and make the country less

susceptible to the vagaries of the international oil and gas market," the Communiqué stated, stressing the need for massive investment in the Nigerian Refining & Petrochemical industry.

The Communiqué, which recommended that "Government should encourage a vibrant and robust petrochemical industry, which is critical to the nation's economic growth," called for improved political will, continued dialogue and participation at all levels for domestication policy and improved legal framework on indigenous technology development," emphasising the need for the creation of an autonomous petrochemical policy with clear roadmap for its development.

Signatories to the Communiqué include: the Executive Secretary, Petroleum Products Pricing & Regulatory Agency (PPPRA), Mr. Reginald Stanley; Director of IPS, Professor Mike Onyekonwu; Head of Corporate Communications, IEPL, Jossy Nkwocha; Managing Director, Energia Ltd, Felix Amieyeford; Engr. Ezekiel Osarube of Port Harcourt Refining Company Ltd, Dr. Aje Mammam of Fimlink International Ltd; Jacqueline Gayil of Petroleum Technology Development Fund (PTDF) and Director, CGRP, Professor Godwin Igwe, among others drawn from the academia, industry and government parastatals.

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UniPort, Sierra Leonean Varsity To Partner In Engineering, Geosciences

According to him, the Institution is seriously interested in collaborating with the University to boost capacity of its staff and students in oil and gas-related disciplines. "In 2009, the President of Sierra Leone set up a Task Force to enhance capacity in Petroleum Engineering. The Task Force looked at how we can develop capacity in these areas. It was in this process that we made investigations about institutions to collaborate with. After a thorough search, we identified the University of Port Harcourt as the most appropriate and that is why we are here," he stated.

Professor Gbamanja, who was a staff in the Faculty of Education, commended the level of transformation he saw in the University. "I spent over 25 years here as a lecturer until I became a Professor in Science Education before leaving, what I have seen here is tremendous. The University is completely different from what I used to know. I can no longer find my way around the



V-C, Prof Ajenka (arrowed), Registrar, Mrs Nnodim, DV-C (Admin), Prof Nduka (right), Director, QAQC, Prof Arinze and the Sierra Leonean delegation

Campus. I am completely overwhelmed and feel proud," he declared.

Also speaking, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ajenka, expressed willingness to collaborate with the University. "Our policy is to synergize efforts by collaborating with the industry, agencies and other institutions for mutual benefits and we are ready to partner you in this regard", he assured the

visiting team, noting that when a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is drawn up, the relevant units would chart a focus to achieve the terms.

Dean, Faculty of Engineering, Engineer Alpha Savage, accompanied Professor Gbamanja on the visit.

Established in 1827, Fourah Bay College is the oldest college in West Africa.

Stakeholders Resolve To Protect Intellectual Property

As authorities of the University strive to build a research-intensive Institution where researchers reap full benefits from their intellectual efforts, stakeholders have expressed optimism that the right to patenting intellectual property would enhance productivity. They also agreed that there was need to adopt the processes of ensuring that their research results are patented.

This was the outcome of a one-day Workshop on Intellectual Property for senior academics in the University at the Seminar Room of the Institute of Petroleum Studies (IPS), penultimate Friday.

Guest Lecturer and Head of Chemical and Metallurgical Engineering, The University of Witwatersrand, South Africa, Professor Sunny Iyuke, said that the University of Port Harcourt is strategically located to benefit immensely from researches and intellectual property acquisition with the level of foreign investment in the Region.

"The University, as a source of Intellectual Property, is capable of generating knowledge that would be of immense benefit to solving problems in the environment," he said stressing that its

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strategic location in the hub of oil and gas activities gives it an edge to solve problems which international oil and gas companies can apply in their operations.

Iyuke, who is a Professor of Chemical and Process Engineering, described patenting as the process of claiming ownership of intellectual property, expressing optimism over the desire of academic staff to ensure that they work towards patenting their intellectual property. He enumerated the process of ensuring that the intellectual property of staff were patented to ensure that they derive maximum rewards from them

In her response, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research and Development, Professor Bene Willie Abbey, who regretted that the University has not done well in patenting said that the authorities are now thinking of doing things differently. She described research as wealth, noting that "We should know that if we invest in research, we do not need to go outside to seek financial help".

Professor Willie Abbey said that the outcome of

the Workshop would boost activities at the Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer Office (IPPTO). "A lot of people are ready to work. Our attitude has been the old way and as a result, others have left us behind. From now, we are going to look at research as business so that the University and staff would benefit from our intellectual activities", she stated, adding that "if we are able to patent our knowledge, the industry will look for us".

Also speaking, Director, Emerald Energy Institute, Professor Joel Ogbonna, said that the Workshop had eliminated ignorance about patenting, regretting that many researchers were not conversant with the process of acquiring Intellectual Property to enable them gain financially from their researches. "The Workshop has aroused our interest and challenged us as a University to see patenting as something that should be taken seriously", he stated, noting that until academics start patenting, all intellectual activities would be worthless.

In his speech, Director (IPPTO), Professor Samuel Ibojide, said that it was important to take the issue of patenting seriously, stating that the idea that academics published the outcome of their research merely to gain promotion is now outdated. He said that "until we start to make a name from our intellectual efforts, we have not started".



Cross section of participants at the Workshop

GUIDEPOST

BRIEFS FROM OTHER VARSITIES

PROMOTION

Richard Dornu, Vice-Chancellor's Office, promoted Assistant Catering Supervisor, effective 1st October, 2012.

Baristi Yakara, Student Affairs Department, promoted Senior Porter, effective 1st October, 2012.

Rita Horlin, Faculty of Humanities, promoted Head Model, effective 1st October, 2012.

James Bagbi, College of Natural & Applied Sciences, promoted Clerical Officer I, effective 1st October, 2012.

Baribe Nwibani, Faculty of Agriculture, promoted Foreman (Assistant Chief Agricultural Field Overseer), effective 1st October, 2012.

Eze Okpor, Faculty of Agriculture, promoted Foreman (Assistant Chief Agricultural Field Overseer), effective 1st October, 2012.

Bum Tamana, College of Engineering, promoted Clerical Officer I, effective 1st October, 2012.

Meroy Nwano, College of Health Sciences, promoted Secretarial Assistant II, effective 1st October, 2012.

Robinson Ogbuiche, Registry, promoted Chief Driver, effective 1st October, 2012.

APPOINTMENT

Dr Ezechukwu Ibeawuchi, Department of Crop Science & Technology, School of Agriculture & Agricultural Technology, Federal University of Technology, granted a one-year Part-Time Teaching Appointment as Adjunct Associate Professor, effective on assumption of duty.

RENEWAL OF CONTRACT APPOINTMENT

Dr U.L. Maduko, Department of Oral Pathology & Biology, Faculty of Dentistry, granted a one-year Renewal of Contract Appointment as Adjunct Associate Professor, effective 12th August, 2013 to 11th August, 2014.

STUDY LEAVE

Mr Matthew Otiobi, University Library, extended a one-year Study Leave With Pay to enable him conclude his studies at the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, effective September 2013 to August 2014.

Mr Freeman Wepke, Department of Geography & Environmental Management, granted a one-year Study Leave Without Pay to enable him pursue a Master of Science programme in Geographic Information Science at the University of Manchester, United Kingdom, effective 1st September, 2013 to 31st August, 2014.

RESIGNATION OF APPOINTMENT

Mrs Oyeemi Oni, Department of Crop & Soil Science, Faculty of Agriculture, resigned her appointment, effective 1st October, 2013.

RETIREMENT

Mrs Margaret Don-Patrick, Department of Nursing Science, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, College of Health Science, granted a three-month pre-retirement leave for Statutory Retirement, effective 16th August, 2013.

TERMINATION OF APPOINTMENT

Mr Soro Bukae, Department of Tourism & Hospitality Management, Faculty of Management Sciences, issued Termination of Appointment for engaging in two Full-Time Employments, effective 31st July, 2013.

Miss Ogwama Aslonka, Library Department, issued Termination of Appointment with immediate effect.

CHANGE OF NAME

MRS EVELYN NKORONYE NPINIMAA. Former Miss Evelyn Nkoronye Nwauzi, now wishes to be known, called and addressed as Mrs Evelyn Nkoronye Npinimaa. All documents bearing her former name remain valid.

MRS NWAIZIBU NKIRUKA QUEENDARLINE. Former Miss Akujobi, Nkiruka Quendardine, now wishes to be known, called and addressed as Mrs Nwaizibu, Nkiruka Quendardine. All documents bearing her former name remain valid.

DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MGT OBSERVATORY

FORECAST FOR PORT HARCOURT AND ENVIRONS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER, 9 - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2013

DATE	TEMPERATURE HI LO (°C)	HUMIDITY (%)	WIND DIRECTION	RAIN (mm)	SUNRISE AND SUNSET (mm)	SUMMARY
SUNDAY, 09 SEPT, 2013	31.0 24.0	81	NE	31.4	6:24 6:35	Heavy rain predicted. Mostly cloudy and warm day forecasted.
MONDAY, 10 SEPT, 2013	29.0 24.0	86	NE	46.8	6:24 6:34	Heavy rain predicted. Mostly cloudy and warm day forecasted.
TUESDAY 11 SEPT, 2013	30.0 24.0	72	E	9.2	6:24 6:34	Isolated thunder anticipated. Day expected being mostly cloudy and warm.
WEDNESDAY 12 SEPT, 2013	29.0 23.0	81	NE	4.6	6:24 6:33	Widely scattered thunderstorm expected. Mostly cloudy and warm day predicted.
THURSDAY 13 SEPT, 2013	29.0 23.0	79	NE	6.2	6:25 6:33	Isolated thunderstorm expected. Day anticipated being mostly cloudy and warm.
FRIDAY 13 SEPT, 2013	30.0 23.0	80	E	28.9	6:25 6:32	Strong thunderstorm expected. Mostly cloudy and warm day expected.
SATURDAY 14 SEPT, 2013	30.0 23.0	83	NE	37.3	6:25 6:32	Heavy rain expected. Mostly cloudy and warm day anticipated.

VREMUDIA WEPKE
RESIDENT METEOROLOGIST

UNILORIN, VEGEFRESH PARTNER ON COMMERCIAL FARMING

University of Ilorin (UNILORIN), Kwara State, is concluding arrangement to partner Vegefresh, an agricultural firm on commercial farming. Dean, Faculty of Agriculture of UNILORIN, Professor Abiodun Adedoye, expressed willingness of the University to ensure the success of the proposed project, noting that the partnership, when fully implemented, would provide food security and generate revenues for both parties and the economy.

Professor Ruqayyatu Ahmed Rufa'i
Minister of Education

FUNAAB V-C SEEKS PROPER RANKING MECHANISM

Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), Professor Olusola Oyewole, has called on African countries to come up with a continental model for ranking of Universities to address some of the perceived deficiencies in global rankings. Professor Oyewole, who is also President, Association of African Universities (AAU), stated this during a recent working visit to AAU Headquarters in Accra, Ghana.

OAU SET FOR NUGA COMPETITION

Vice-Chancellor, Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU), Osun State, Professor Bamitale Omole, has expressed readiness of the Institution to host the 24th edition of the Nigerian Universities

Games Association competition next month. Professor Omole promised that the Institution would host contingents from participating universities, despite the ongoing strike Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU).

UI V-C GETS GOVERNING COUNCIL ROLE

Vice-Chancellor, University of Ibadan (UI), Professor Isaac Adewole, has been appointed into the Governing Council of the London-based Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU). Professor Adewole, is the only Nigerian on the Board of 22 members, drawn from 3 Commonwealth Countries. ACU is said to be the world's first and oldest international university network established in 1913.

STOP PRESS COMMITTEE FOR 2013 REGISTRY DAY APPOINTED

Mr Ejike Ichendu, College Secretary, College for Continuing Education, appointed Chairman, 2013 Registry Day Planning Committee. Other members are: Mrs P.R. Eto-Efeor, J.B. Obomani and Messrs D.C. Amadi and Ohinna Nwodin. Mrs Caroline Nwabuo is Secretary. The Committee is vested with the responsibility of planning and organizing the second Registry Day in October.

2ND EDITION OF WOMEN IN RESEARCH PUBLICATION

Female staff, both teaching and non-teaching in different fields of research are requested to contribute articles towards the publication of the second edition of "Women in Research in University of Port Harcourt" bulletin. A Memo signed by the Director, Personnel Affairs, Mr Roland Wabali, stated that the bulletin aimed at identifying and reviewing positive actions and innovations in the field of research. Interested female staff are advised to avail themselves of the opportunity by contributing their articles through the Office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Development).

Samsung Football Cup Tournament

The Samsung-sponsored Under-13 and Under-15 Football Cup Tournament held from Wednesday, 7th to Saturday, 24th August, 2013 at the Sports Complex, University Park. Pictures below as captured by **MITCHELL EBI-EKIYOR** and **OTIKOR SAMUEL** show the opening and closing ceremonies.



V-C, Prof Joseph Ajienka, declaring the tournament open



A line up of the two teams before the opening match



Prof Ajienka shaking hands with the players before the opening match



J.R. Chairman, Sports Management Committee, Prof Mack Aigbpa, Dr Chibwemocha Aji, Dir of Works, Mr John Ineke and V-C, Prof Ajienka



Directors, Special Projects, Bids and Services and Oluogbolu, Prof Mathew Ikepa (in front), Mr Ineke, Dr Aji and V-C (2nd right)



The opening match between UDPS and Sharp Shooters of Okrika



Prof Ajienka (middle) and other guests at the closing ceremony



A group photograph of V-C (5th from right), sports administrators and former UniPort Football Team



MASGULF F.C. celebrating the trophy



V-C presenting a gift to captain of winner of the Under-13 category



Former Super Eagles players, Mr Mike Omonu presenting certificate to one of the players



Crest section of the spectators



Former top players of UniPort Football Team